



February 24, 2004

Ref. No. 80057243

Mr. Evan Skornick, REM
South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 4930
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

Re: Milking R Dairy Status Report
Monitoring Period from September to December 2003
Lake Okeechobee Phosphorus Control Grant Program (C-14055)

Dear Mr. Skornick:

The following is an update to the status of Milking R Dairy stormwater runoff treatment improvement project being implemented under the Lake Okeechobee Phosphorus Control Grant Program. HSA Engineers & Scientists (HSA) is assisting Milking R Dairy, Inc. with implementing improvements to the existing stormwater treatment system at the Milking R Dairy.

Background

The treatment system receives stormwater runoff from approximately 93 acres of low intensity dairy pasture land. The runoff is collected in ditches that drain by gravity to the head works of the treatment system where it is pumped into the first stage mixing pond. Alum is mixed with the stormwater at a dosage of approximately 20 milligrams of aluminum per liter of stormwater (mg/L). The treated stormwater then flows by gravity into the remaining approximate 9.5 acres of the treatment system. This 9.5-acre treatment system is surrounded by a 2.5 to 3 foot tall earthen berm. Stormwater ultimately flows via gravity to the discharge point as shown in the attached **Figure G-02**. The metallic salt precipitates phosphorus contained in the stormwater and the resulting solids settle to the bottom of the treatment pond. The treated effluent flows by gravity into a culvert that runs underneath the dairy entrance road and then is discharged off site.

System Improvement

The stormwater runoff treatment system improvements were initiated in July 2003 by HSA personnel and Milking R Dairy employees. The existing chemical injection system was overhauled and the injection pumps were refurbished. A new pump was installed at the effluent end of the system and will be used to lift stormwater to a sand filter, which is

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scheduled to be constructed during the Spring of 2004. In July 2003, a lime rock berm was constructed approximately twelve inches above grade downstream of the chemical mixing area as shown in the attached **Figure G-02**. **Figures G-01 – G-04** show the treatment system specifications and design. The limerock berm spans approximately 300 feet across the treatment system and allows increased settling times for the treated water and evenly distributes the water across the treatment system.

The system was initially operated from August 3 to September 11, 2003, for a trouble shooting/shakedown period. Primary operation and sampling began on September 12, 2003. ISCO programmable samplers were installed at the treatment system influent and effluent locations in metal protective housings (see **Figure G-02**). The auto samplers have been configured to collect samples when the influent and effluent pumps are operating. Since the effluent pump is currently off-line, the effluent sampler is manually triggered to begin sampling. Composite samples are collected from the samplers monthly by Short Environmental Laboratories for total phosphorus analysis. Laboratory data and sample chain of custody reports are included in **Appendix A**. The analytical data are summarized in **Table 1**. Not all sampling trips made to the Milking R Dairy yielded samples due to dry periods between sampling events. Hour meters were also installed on the influent and effluent pumps to monitor run time and estimate the treatment system throughput.

Sampling and system maintenance trips are made monthly to Milking R Dairy and samples are collected if dairy runoff has entered or exited the treatment system. During operation and maintenance (O&M) trips the system is checked for any abnormalities and proper operation. Field notes from the O&M trips are included in **Appendix B**. The chemical injection pumps are calibrated each trip to deliver approximately 400 milliliters of alum per minute (mL/min) and the volume of chemical remaining in each tank is recorded. The influent pump is checked for operation and weeds are removed to ensure that the automated float system operates without interference. The auto samplers are calibrated to collect a 70 ml sample for every hour of pump operation (influent or effluent pumps). **Table 1** includes a record of the sampling and maintenance trips performed and relevant data.

Initial sampling results have shown an average of 53% reduction in phosphorus and approximately 96 pounds of phosphorus removed. Phosphorus reduction is expected to improve as antecedent phosphorus contained in the system is amended with alum and the treatment system is adjusted to improve performance.

The contract includes a seven month monitoring and reporting period and therefore, the treatment system will be monitored by HSA through March 2004. Another progress report will be submitted in April 2004 which will present data generated during the treatment system operation from January through March 2004. The proposed slow sand filter is scheduled to be

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constructed during the Spring of 2004; however construction is now pending implementation of a SFWMD Dairy Best Available Technology (BATs) project at the Milking R Dairy.

Please contact us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Yours truly,

Terrence R. Horan, P.E.
Project Manager

c.c: Sutton Rucks, Milking R Dairy
enc(s).

TABLES

Table 1
Summary of Treatment System Sampling and O&M Visits
Milking R Dairy Stormwater runoff Treatment Improvement Project

Date	Trip	Tank 1 Volume	Tank 2 Volume	Tank 3 Volume	Tank 4 Volume	Influent Total Phosphorus (mg/L)	Effluent Total Phosphorus (mg/L)	Influent Pump Hour Meter Reading	Treated Water (Million gallons) ²
9/12/2003	Sampling	400	600	400	1100	9.76	5.04	497.2	0.00
9/16/2003	O&M	400	600	400	1100	--	--	497.2	0.00
9/29/2003	O&M	380	550	380	1100	--	--	539.2	0.76
10/27/2003	Sampling/ O&M	275	375	250	1075	0.49	--	614.8	2.12
11/17/2003	Sampling	275	350	275	1075	No Sample	No Sample	624.3	2.29
12/4/2003	O&M	275	325	275	1100	--	--	624.3	2.29
12/29/2003	Sampling	200	275	200	1075	5.68	3.22	675.3	3.21

Average³ 7.72 4.13

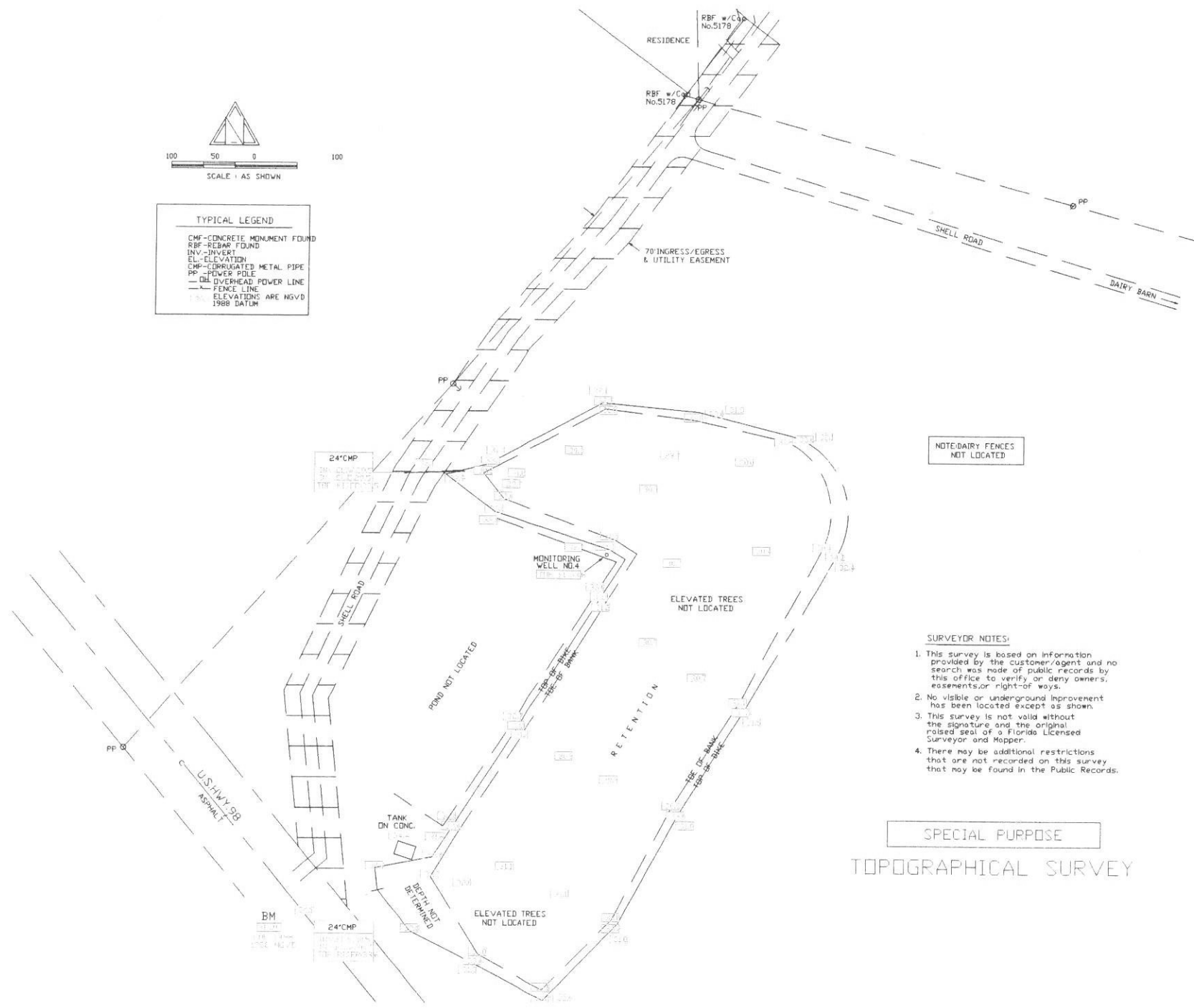
Notes:

¹ System startup during August 2003 for approximately 1 month of trouble shooting and "shakedown"

² The volume of treated water is calculated using a nominal pumping rate of 300 gallons per minute (gpm).

³ Average total phosphorus values for the 9/12/03 and 12/29/03 sampling events.

FIGURES



100 50 0 100
SCALE: AS SHOWN

TYPICAL LEGEND

CMF-CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND
RBF-REBAR FOUND
INV-INVERT
EL-ELEVATION
CMP-CORRUGATED METAL PIPE
PP-POWER POLE
OL-OVERHEAD POWER LINE
FENCE LINE
ELEVATIONS ARE NGVD
1988 DATUM

NOTE: DAIRY FENCES
NOT LOCATED

- SURVEYOR NOTES:**
1. This survey is based on information provided by the customer/agent and no search was made of public records by this office to verify or deny owners, easements or right-of ways.
 2. No visible or underground improvement has been located except as shown.
 3. This survey is not valid without the signature and the original raised seal of a Florida Licensed Surveyor and Mapper.
 4. There may be additional restrictions that are not recorded on this survey that may be found in the Public Records.

SPECIAL PURPOSE
TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY

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DATE	NO.	REVISION	BY

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4/2/03

MILKING R DAIRY
OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA

Client

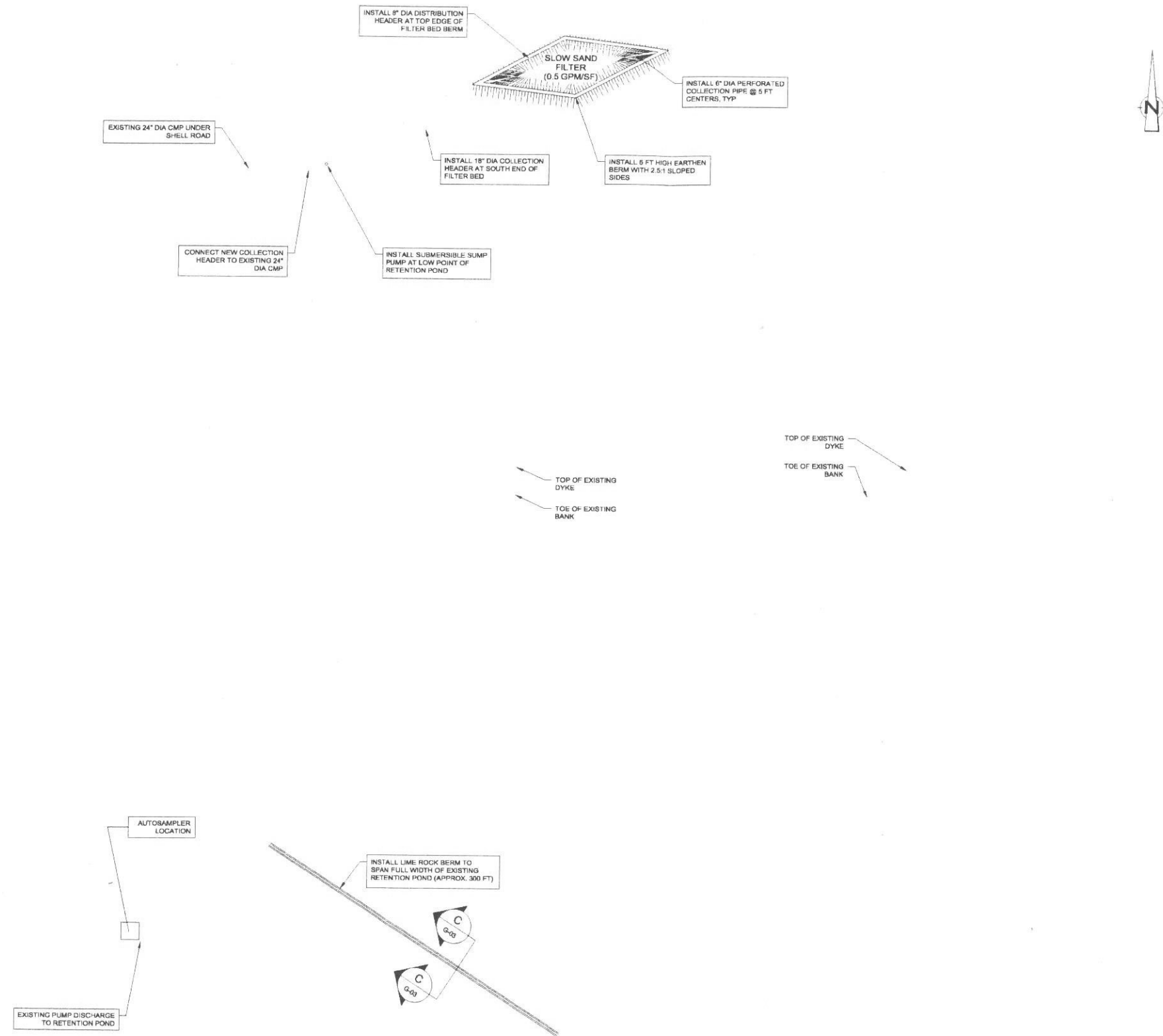
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Project Title

**TOPOGRAPHICAL
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POND TREATMENT
MODIFICATIONS**

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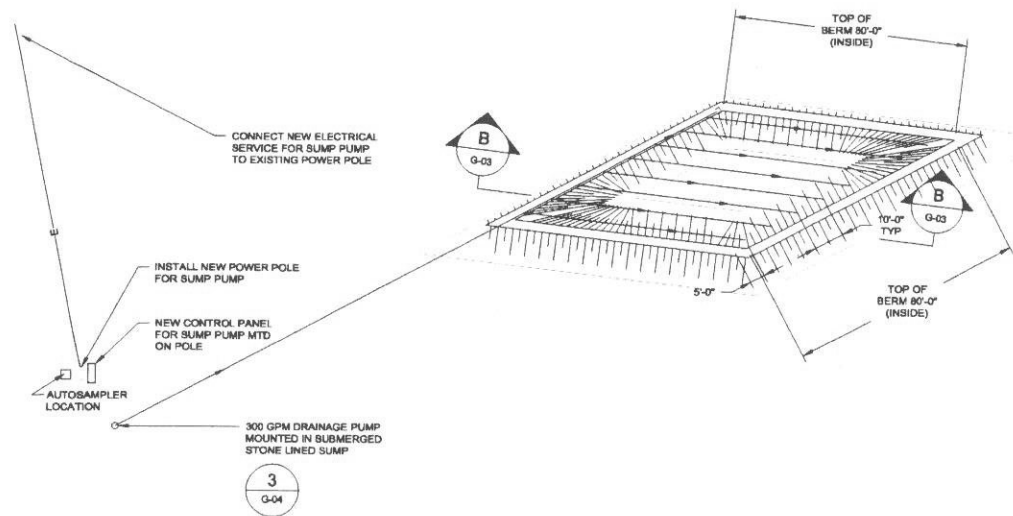
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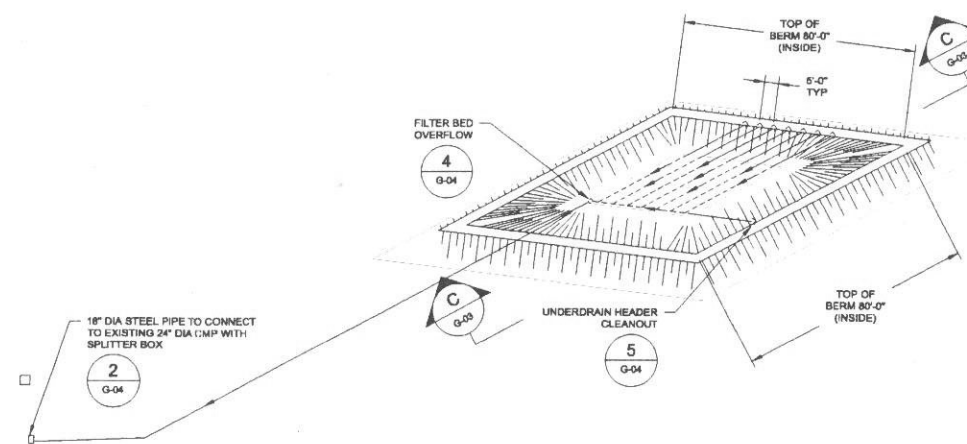
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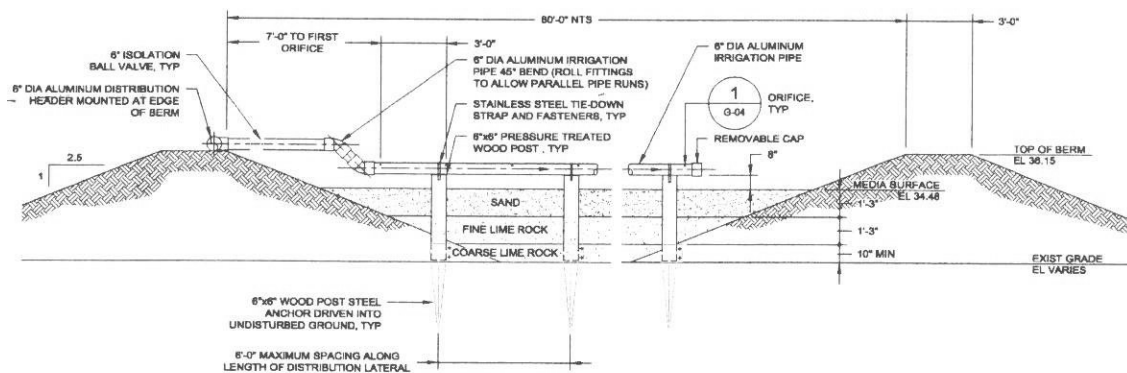
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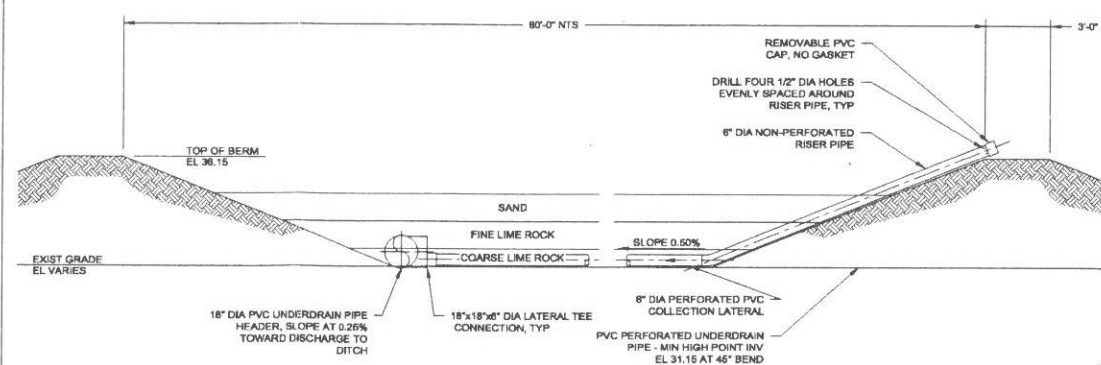
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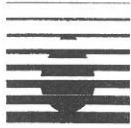
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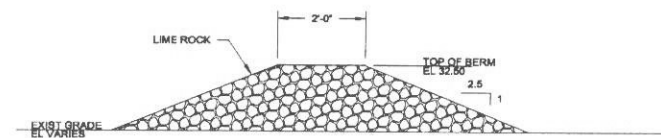
1. ALL EXPOSED PVC PIPING FOR DISTRIBUTION OR COLLECTION SYSTEMS TO HAVE TWO COATS OF A COMPATIBLE EXTERIOR GRADE ENAMEL FOR UV PROTECTION.

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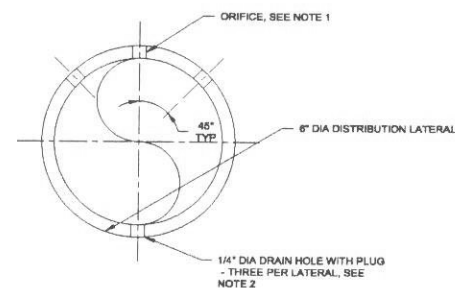
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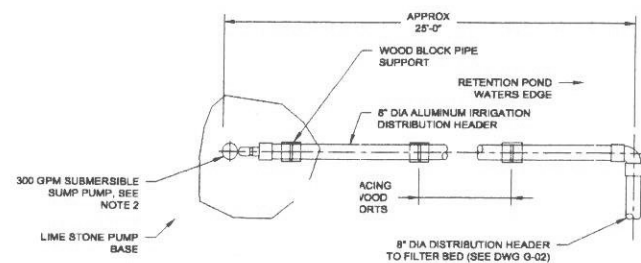


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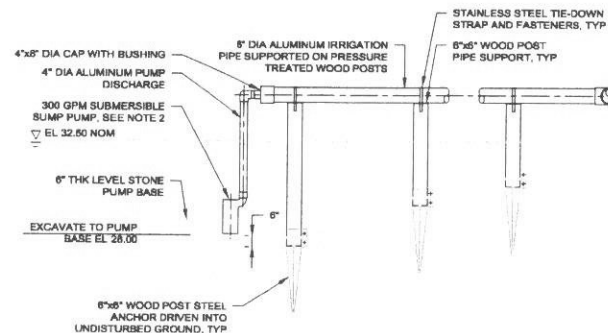


- NOTES:
- DISTRIBUTION LATERALS TO HAVE 96 ORIFICES PER LATERAL. ORIFICES TO BE PLACED IN GROUPS OF THREE AT 3'-0" CENTERS AS SHOWN. FIRST AND LAST LATERALS TO HAVE ORIFICES ON TOP AND AT 45° ANGLES TO INSIDE OF FILTER BED ONLY. ORIFICE GROUPS TO BE PLACED AT 6'-0" CTRS INITIALLY WITH A DIAMETER OF 7/32". FOLLOWING START-UP OF THE FILTER SYSTEM, THE REMAINING ORIFICES SHALL BE DRILLED.
 - EACH LATERAL PIPE TO HAVE THREE 1/4" DIA DRAIN HOLES IN PIPE INVERT AT EQUAL INTERVALS. PLACE 18" SQUARE CONCRETE TILE ON FILTER MEDIA SURFACE UNDER EACH DRAIN HOLE.

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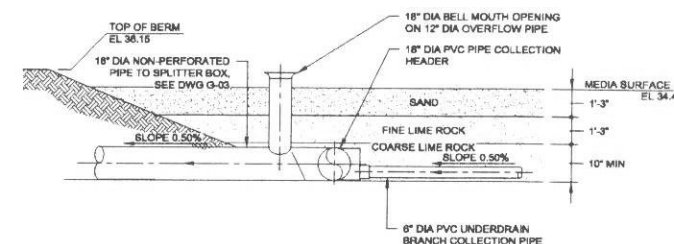


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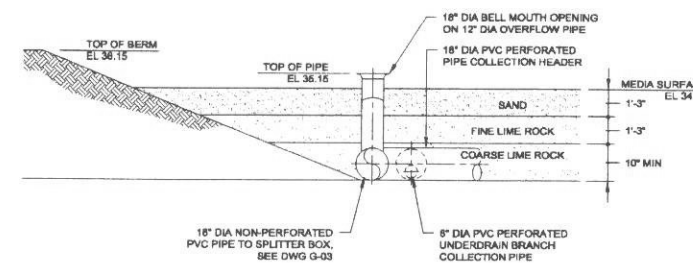


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DETAIL **3** FILTER BED PUMPING STATION
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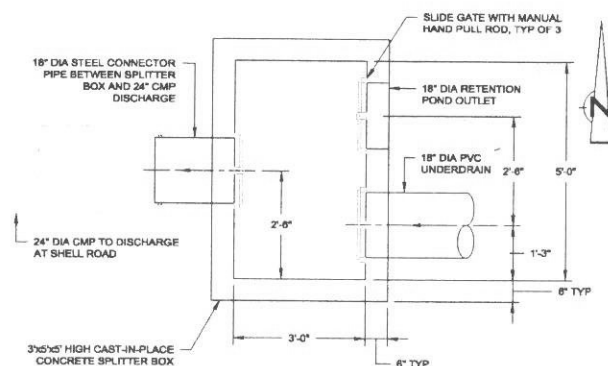


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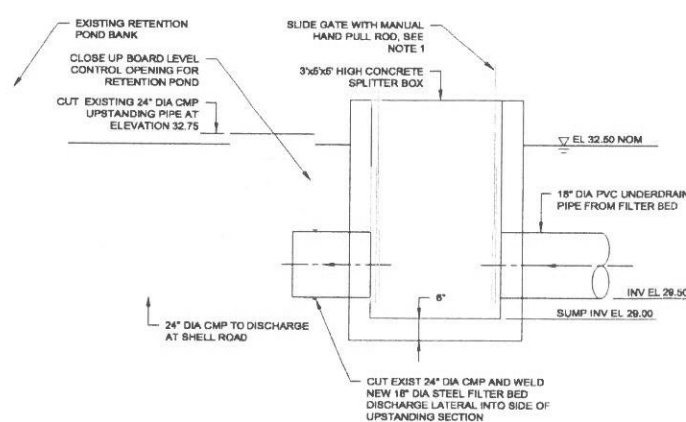
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DETAIL **4** FILTER BED OVERFLOW
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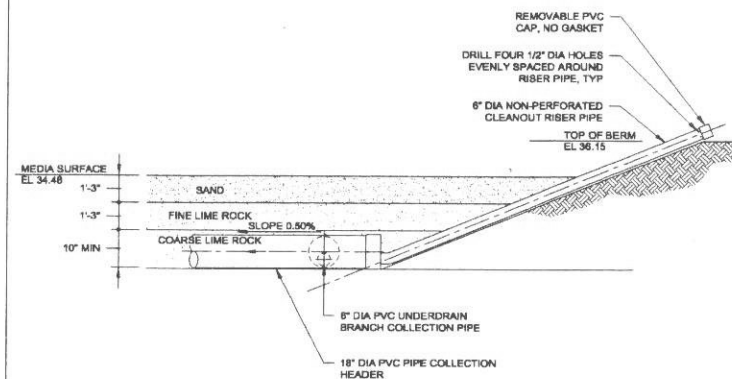


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DETAIL **2** DISCHARGE CONNECTION TO EXISTING CMP
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ELEVATION



DETAIL **5** UNDERDRAIN HEADER CLEANOUT
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- NOTES:
- SLIDE GATE: MANUFACTURED BY H. FONTAINE LTD. OR EQUAL. MODEL SERIES 22 ALUMINUM AND STAINLESS STEEL WATER CONTROL GATE WITH FRAME OPERATING STEM GUIDES AND WALL THIMBLE. GATES AND OPERATORS SHALL CONFORM TO THE APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF AWWA C501, LATEST REVISION.
 - SUBMERSIBLE PUMP: MANUFACTURED BY PUMPEX MODEL P 1501 N, 6 HP, 3 PHASE, 575/3/60, 3400 RPM, WITH 4" DIA DISCHARGE OR EQUAL.

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APPENDIX A

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DEPARTED LAB	
ARRIVED SITE	0925
DEPARTED SITE	1017
ARRIVED LAB	

total time = 45 min.

CHAIN OF CUSTODY AND TRANSMITTAL FORM

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11/03/03
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Laboratory ID Number: 196904-196905
Project : Milking R
Location : Okeechobee
Sample type: Surface Water
Sampled By : E. McCarta/K. Koehler on 09/12/03 @ 1000
Received : 10/06/03 @ 1505

REPORT OF ANALYSIS

LABORATORY DATA

Parameter - Total Phosphorus (P)
c = composite

Lab ID#	Sample ID	Date & Time of Sample Collection	Analytical Result	Units	Method	Analyst	Date/Time of Analysis	MDL
196904	01 Bion influent	09/12/03 @ 1000c	9.76	mg/L	EPA 365.1	J. Maurer	10/07/03 @ 0904	0.005
196905	02 Bion effluent	09/12/03 @ 0940c	5.04	mg/L	EPA 365.1	J. Maurer	10/07/03 @ 0904	0.005

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce Cummings
Laboratory Director

LABORATORY ANALYSES

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x	000000	0					

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Influent meter - 6243 hrs.

NUTRIENT CONTAINERS PRESERVED, H2SO4
METALS CONTAINER PRESERVED, HNO3
ICED TO 4 DEGREES C

37975

SAMPLE QTY:	RELINQUISHED BY:	ACCEPTED BY:	DATE:	TIME:
1	E. M. Cantor	C. W. S.	11-18-03	11:15

DEPARTED LAB	
ARRIVED SITE	
DEPARTED SITE	
ARRIVED LAB	

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12/26/03
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Laboratory ID Number: 199687
Project : Milking R
Location : Okeechobee
Sample type: Surface Water
Sampled By : E. McCarta/D. Hadden on 10/27/03 @ 1525
Received : 11/18/03 @ 1615

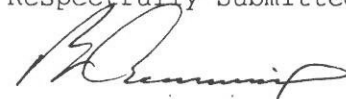
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Parameter - Total Phosphorus (P)
c = composite

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199687	Bion influent	10/27/03 @ 1525c	0.448	mg/L	EPA 365.1	J. Maurer	11/21/03 @ 0854	0.005

Respectfully Submitted,



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Laboratory Director

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Influent will
be sampled @
1041/ date. No one
was found to unlock door

Tank 1	Tank 2	Tank 3	Tank 4
200	350	275	1075

SAMPLE QTY:	RELINQUISHED BY:	ACCEPTED BY:	DATE:	TIME:

DEPARTED LAB	
ARRIVED SITE	
DEPARTED SITE	
ARRIVED LAB	

CHAIN OF CUSTODY AND TRANSMITTAL FORM

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LABORATORY ANALYSES				
250 ML.				

SAMPLER'S SIGNATURE: <i>Ken Webb</i>	PROJECT: MILKING R	LOCATION: OKEECHOBEE
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NUTRIENT CONTAINERS PRESERVED, H₂SO₄
METALS CONTAINER PRESERVED, HNO₃
ICED TO 4 DEGREES C

SAMPLE QTY:	RELINQUISHED BY:	ACCEPTED BY:	DATE:	TIME:
2	Ken Pedler	Janice J. Steo	12-29-03	1310

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DEPARTED LAB	
ARRIVED SITE	0930
DEPARTED SITE	1026
ARRIVED LAB	

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Laboratory ID Number: 202200-202201
Project : Milking R
Location : Okeechobee
Sample type: Surface Water
Sampled By : K. Koehler on 12/29/03 @ 1005
Received : 12/29/03 @ 1310

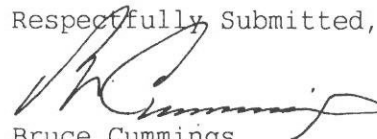
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202201	02 Bion Effluent	12/29/03 @ 1021	3.22	mg/L	EPA 365.1	J. Maurer	01/05/04 @ 0720	0.005

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Laboratory ID Number: 202200-202201
Project : Milking R
Location : Okeechobee
Sample type: Surface Water
Sampled By : K. Koehler on 12/29/03 @ 1005
Received : 12/29/03 @ 1310

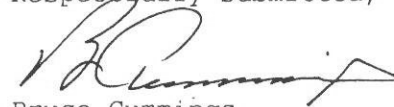
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APPENDIX B

Milking R Dairy Treatment System Log

Date: 9/16/03

System operational upon arrival? yes

Influent Pump Running? no

Influent Pump Hour Meter Reading 497.2

Effluent Pump Running? no

Effluent Pump Hour Meter Reading 0

Chemical Storage Tank Levels

Tank 1 400 gal.

Tank 2 600 gal.

Tank 3 400 gal.

Tank 4 1100 gal.

Injection Pumps Calibrated? yes

Injection Rate 400 ml/min

Notes/Comments: Both pumps 1 + 2 were calibrated. Pump
2 set to standby for backup. Weeds/aquatic vegetation
were cleaned around influent pump.

Milking R Dairy Treatment System Log

Date: 9/29/05

System operational upon arrival? yes

Influent Pump Running? no

Influent Pump Hour Meter Reading 539.2

Effluent Pump Running? no

Effluent Pump Hour Meter Reading 0

Chemical Storage Tank Levels

Tank 1 340 gal.

Tank 2 350 gal.

Tank 3 340 gal.

Tank 4 1100 gal.

Injection Pumps Calibrated? yes

Injection Rate 400 ml/min

Notes/Comments: Installed toggle switch to effluent autosampler.
Calibrated autosampler to pickup volume.

Milking R Dairy Treament System Log

Date: 10/27/03

System operational upon arrival? yes

Influent Pump Running? no

Influent Pump Hour Meter Reading 614.8

Effluent Pump Running? no

Effluent Pump Hour Meter Reading 0

Chemical Storage Tank Levels

Tank 1 275 gal.

Tank 2 375 gal.

Tank 3 250 gal.

Tank 4 1075 gal.

Injection Pumps Calibrated? yes

Injection Rate 400 ml/min

Notes/Comments:

Auto samplers calibrated

Milking R Dairy Treatment System Log

Date: 12/4/03

System operational upon arrival? yes

Influent Pump Running? no

Influent Pump Hour Meter Reading 624.3

Effluent Pump Running? no

Effluent Pump Hour Meter Reading 0

Chemical Storage Tank Levels

Tank 1 275 gal.

Tank 2 325 gal.

Tank 3 275 gal.

Tank 4 1100 gal.

Injection Pumps Calibrated? yes

Injection Rate 400 ml/min

Notes/Comments: Lock mixing on effluent sampler box.
Vegetation removed from around influent pump intake and float
switches.
Autosampler calibrated